

--28. (Amended) [A selecting] The method [of] for selecting a network manager of claim 26, wherein [if] when a relation with one adjacent sub-network manager is as the parent, and a relation with the remaining adjacent sub-network manager is indifferent to the parent-child relation or to a child, and an end command is received from all children, an end command is transmitted to the parent sub-network manager.

--29. (Amended) [A selecting] The method [of] for selecting a network manager of claim 26, wherein [if] when a relation with all adjacent sub-network managers is indifferent to the parent-child relation or to a child, and an end command is received from all children, [an own] the sub-network manager is selected to be [a] the network manager. --

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 remain in the application and have been amended hereby.

As will be noted from the Declaration, Applicant is a citizen and resident of Japan and this application originated there.

Accordingly, the amendments made to the specification are provided to place the application in idiomatic English, and the claims are amended to place them in better condition for examination.

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An early and favorable examination on the merits is earnestly solicited.



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